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For: METHODS OF PREVENTING AND
TREATING RESPIRATORY VIRAL
INFECTION USING
IMMUNOMODULATORY
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

Examiner: T. Brown

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 18, 2005 (Paper No. 20051015), for which a response was due on January 18, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to March 18, 2006 (which fell on a Saturday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.